

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Media Laboratory Asia Joint Task Force consisting of Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Media Lab team and an Indian team had been set up to study and evolve a proposal for Media Lab Asia to be set up in India. The report has since been submitted by the Joint Task Force to the Government of India, Ministry of Information Technology for consideration.

Bus crisis in Delhi

*500. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the current bus crisis in Delhi in the wake of non-CNG buses being taken off the road, under Supreme Court's orders;

(b) whether Government have not enough CNG supplies to meet demand of newly introduced CNG buses/autorickshaws;

(c) whether it is a fact that neither the safety measures nor the emission norms for CNG vehicles have so far been prescribed^ notified; and

(d) if so, whether the Central Government would like to intervene so as to seek a way out of the present bus crisis in the capital and come to rescue of lakhs of commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (Retd.) B.C.KHANDURI]: (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) No Sir.

(d) It is upto the Government of NCT of Delhi to take necessary action.